

(a) the number of fishing harbours in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the proposal to set up some fishing harbours in some coastal States are pending with the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof,

(d) the steps taken to clear those proposals; and

(e) the assistance provided by the Central Government to those harbours, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (e) A statement is enclosed

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise

STATEMENT

Sl No	State/U.T.	Number of fishing harbours completed	Assistance provided by the Central Govt. (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Gujarat	3	1376.00
2	Maharashtra	1	1107.00
3	Karnataka	5	568.59
4	Kerala	4	2953.10
5	Tamil Nadu	7	1728.56
6	Andhra Pradesh	4	3608.59
7	Orissa	4	5188.30
8	West Bengal	3	1033.18
9	Andaman & Nicobar	1	67.00

[English]

Espionage Activities

3983. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons arrested for espionage activities during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the nationalities of those arrested; and

(c) the steps taken to curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) and (b) A number of Indian and foreigners have been arrested for espionage activities during the last three years. However, it will not be in public interest to disclose more details in this regard.

(c) Government is alive to the situation and is taking all necessary steps to combat and frustrate the designs of such persons by sensitising and gearing up the intelligence machinery sharing of intelligence with State Governments and coordinated action by the concerned agencies of Central and State Governments

[Translation]

Heritage Train

3984. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any scheme to introduce 'Heritage Train' on the line of 'Palace on Wheels'.

(b) if so, the areas of the country propose to be covered by this train;

(c) the progress regarding the pending 'Heritage Train Scheme for the Shekhawat area of Rajasthan.

(d) whether the Government propose to introduce 'new air conditioned tourist train' from Jodhpur-Jaisalmer, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Indian Veterinary Research Institute

3985. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any project was started by the Indian Veterinary Research Institute in the Varanasi district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of the project and its present position?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir. No project has been started by Indian Veterinary Research Institute in the Varanasi district of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Beautification of Stations

3986. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the stations with their locations where beautification work is likely to be taken by the private parties,

(b) the details of private parties who have shown their interests in the scheme; and

(c) the time by which the work on the stations would be actually started by the private parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Railways do not propose to entrust the work relating to beautification-cum-maintenance of railway stations to private parties.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

Transfer of IPS/PCS

3987 DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of IPS and PCS officers transferred in Uttar Pradesh in July and August;

(b) the names of D. Ms. and SSPs transferred in July and August, separately along with the number of officers who have been transferred in less than one year; and

(c) the number of junior police officers transferred in July and August?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

[Translation]

Booking Office at Surat

3988 SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether demand for opening of railway booking office at Surat is lying pending since long,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which booking office is likely to be opened there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work had been sanctioned but could not be taken up due to encroachment of the land and non-clearance thereof by Surat Municipality.

(c) The work has again been included in the Budget 1996-97 as the clearance has since been done.

Mahesana-Taranga Train Service

3989. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the train running between Mahesana-Taranga hill of Kokoshi-Patan has been cancelled,

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to restore it;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. 141/142 Mahesana-Taranga Hill Passenger was cancelled from 10.6.92.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Lack of commercial justification.

[English]

High Powered Committee

3990 DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Government had set up a high powered committee to look into the representations of Drug Industry regarding the price control of certain drugs;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the recommendations thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in submitting the report, and

(e) whether there is any demand to change the terms of reference of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The terms of the Committee stands expired on 30th April, 1996.

(e) No, Sir.

Environmental Projects in Tamil Nadu

3991. SHRI P.R.S. VENKATESAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Centrally aided projects undertaken in Tamil Nadu for the improvement of environment and development of forests during the last three years;

(b) the achievements made in this regard, project-wise and

(c) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government for this purpose, project-wise?